IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF
ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.APPA RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.11016 OF 2007

Dated : August 9, 2007

Between:

Smt. Doddavarapu Nalini

Petitioner

AND

The Director General and
Inspector General of Police,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and others

Respondents

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ORAL ORDER: **(per THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.S.R. VARMA)**

Heard the learned Government Pleader for Home, representing the learned Advocate General, appearing for the respondents.

2. The grievance of the petitioner in this writ petition is that Doddavarapu Venkateswara Rao, who is husband of the petitioner is found missing from 30.3.2007.

3. Several allegations are attributed against the police. It is also alleged that there is some enmity of the husband of the petitioner with the local police.

4. Let alone the allegations made against the police, it has been stated in the counter affidavit, filed by Respondent No.3, that the police have taken several steps to locate the persons who are allegedly involved and found that there was enmity of the missing person with some other persons.. The counter affidavit further gives a note of the events and account of the various steps that have been taken by the police to identify the missing person, despite which, it is submitted by the learned Assistant Government Pleader that the missing person could not be traced.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner Mr. B. Devanand, vehemently contends that the police knew very well about the whereabouts of the missing person and other particulars. There was some enmity, which is not explicit on record, and owing to that, the missing person could not be traced. It is his further submission that no serious efforts have been made to trace the missing person and the averment made in the counter affidavit that several steps have been taken, is absolutely false.

6. One cannot readily accept this submission. However, in view of various steps said to have been taken by the Police, as narrated in the counter affidavit, we are of the view that search for the missing person shall be intensified with all seriousness, particularly in order to erase the stigma which is being attached to the police, behind the missing of husband of the petitioner.

7. Hence, we close the writ petition, however, with a direction to the Superintendent of Police, Krishna District, to constitute a special team, without the partnership or involvement of the police and continue the investigation and report to the Registrar (Judicial), A.P. High Court, Hyderabad, once every two months about the progress of the investigation, who in turn is directed to inform the learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. B. Devanand, as and when any report is received from the Superintendent of Police, Krishna District, as directed above, to have a perusal.

8. With the above observations and directions, the writ petition is closed, at the stage of admission. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

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D.S.R.Varma, J.

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D.Appa Rao, J.

August 9, 2007
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